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Arizona Corporation Commission

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Case No. 171

NOTICE OF INTENT TO
BECOME A PARTY
(INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LLC, IN)
CONFORMANCE WITH THE)
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED)
STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL)
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE)
SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION)
PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE)
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW 500 KV)
TRANSMISSION LINES AND)
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ORIGINATING)
AT A NEW SUBSTATION (SUNZIA EAST))
IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,)
AND TERMINATING AT THE PINAL)
CENTRAL SUBSTATION IN PINAL)
COUNTY, ARIZONA. THE ARIZONA)
PORTION OF THE PROJECT IS LOCATED)
WITHIN GRAHAM, GREENLEE,)
COCHISE, PINAL, AND PIMA COUNTIES.)

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05(A)(4) and A.C.C. 14-3-208(F), I am hereby filing a
Notice of Intent to Become a Party to the above-referenced proceedings as an individual. I
understand that my request to intervene as an individual will be reviewed at the Preconference
Hearing on October 14 and decided at that time. In the interim I will prepare and exchange
testimony and solicit witnesses to be fully prepared to participate if the Line Siting Committee
Chair approves my request. My full contact information is included below, and all documents
should be served upon me.

Regarding my qualifications in these proceedings, I first came to Arizona in 1975 to
attend graduate school at the University of Arizona, where I obtained my M.S. in Geosciences in
1977. After working in Oklahoma and Colorado for 8 years, I returned to Arizona in 1986 to

1 work and live here permanently. I became involved in the Cascabel area in 1997 when I joined a
2 ranching-conservation group called Saguaro-Juniper. I subsequently joined the Cascabel
3 Hermitage Association (now the Cascabel Conservation Association, not to be confused with the
4 Cascabel Working Group), which owns 600 acres of desert upland and offers facilities for
5 solitary desert retreats to the public.

6 In 2006 I purchased 20 acres of land near Cascabel east of the San Pedro River, and in
7 the spring of 2009 I drilled a well on the property, built a small dwelling, and installed a solar
8 power system to operate the well and provide power to the dwelling. That fall the SunZia project
9 was announced, with a route alternative proposed east of my land, which greatly concerned me
10 and others in the community. I fully retired from the University of Arizona in 2010, which
11 allowed me to spend more time in Cascabel and to work to protect the area from the project. I
12 thus have a strong personal interest in how this project will affect the San Pedro Valley, which I
13 have come to love and call home.

14 I have been a party to the federal siting process for the project from its inception and
15 extensively reviewed and commented on the SunZia Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The
16 Bureau of Land Management responded to my comments and included them in Appendix J of
17 the Final EIS. I have continued to follow the project closely after the release of the Final EIS and
18 have anticipated participating in proceedings at the Arizona Corporation Commission for a
19 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the project.

20 My intervention would not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Specific concerns that I
21 have include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- 22 • The harm to Arizona's environment, most importantly to the San Pedro Valley
- 23 • The need for the project, referenced in Chairman Chenal's Procedural Order of
September 11, 2015
- 24 • Conflicts with and impacts on central Arizona's transmission system

- The economics and cost of the project
- The impacts to Arizona ratepayers of completing SunZia's power delivery to California
- Conflicts with proposed natural gas generation and solar development around and west of the Pinal Central substation.
- Duplication of capacity and function with the Southline Transmission Project

I will continue to abide by the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Arizona Administrative Code governing the Line Siting process as well as Chairman Chenal's Procedure Order of September 11, 2015 and subsequent modifications to it. I will await a decision on my status to intervene at the Preconference Hearing on October 14, 2015, which I will attend. In the interim I will prepare and exchange testimony and arrange witnesses so that I am prepared to participate in the event the Chairman approves my request to be an intervenor. I understand that the hearing will commence on October 19, 2015 in Willcox, Arizona and will continue in Tucson and Casa Grande, with a possible extension in Florence. I have served a copy of this notice this 28th day of September 2015 to each party of record in the case, as noted below.

Sincerely,

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